

Amendments to the Claims:

1-23. (Canceled).

24. (New) An electrical connector comprising:

a housing having

a front mating face and a rear terminating face;

a first end portion defined between said front mating face and said rear terminating face, said first end portion having a predetermined length and a consistent width along said predetermined length, said first end portion including a first recessed area accessible from said front mating face and a second recessed area accessible from said front mating face;

a second end portion having a predetermined length and a consistent width along said predetermined length, said width of said second end portion being generally equivalent to said width of said first end portion;

an elongated body portion provided between said first and second end portions and defined between said front mating face and said rear terminating face, said elongated body portion having a predetermined length and a consistent width along said predetermined length, said width of said elongated body portion being less than said widths of said first and second end portions, said elongated body portion including wall means extending between said front mating face and said rear terminating face for defining at least one terminal-receiving passage between said front mating face and said rear terminating face, said wall means being of generally uniform thickness between said front mating face and said rear terminating face along said predetermined length of said elongated body portion;

at least one conductive terminal mounted in said at least one terminal-receiving passage of said elongated body portion;

at least one pin terminal disposed in said second recessed area; and

at least one terminal disposed in said first recessed area.

25. (New) An electrical connector as defined in claim 24, wherein at least one terminal-receiving passage of said elongated body portion is a signal terminal.

26. (New) An electrical connector as defined in claim 24, wherein said at least one terminal disposed in said first recessed area is a power terminal.

27. (New) An electrical connector as defined in claim 24, wherein said width of said elongated body portion is defined by a dimension which is transverse to said at least one terminal-receiving passage, and wherein said width of said first and second end portions is defined by a dimension which is transverse to said at least one terminal-receiving passage.

28. (New) An electrical connector as defined in claim 24, wherein said housing is made of plastic.

29. (New) An electrical connector as defined in claim 24, wherein a plurality of terminal-receiving passages are defined in said elongated body portion by said wall means, each said terminal-receiving passage being configured such that only a single conductive terminal can be mounted therein.